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**BY ECF**

The Honorable Paul A. Engelmayer  
United States District Judge  
Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse  
40 Foley Square  
New York, New York 10007

Re: *ACLU et al. v. DOD et al.*, No. 17 Civ. 3391 (PAE)

Dear Judge Engelmayer:

This Office represents the defendant agencies (“Defendants”) in the above-captioned lawsuit brought pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”). We write respectfully on behalf of the parties to provide a joint status update pursuant to the Court’s Order dated June 3, 2024 (ECF No. 204).

Since the parties’ last report, the Defendants have continued to pursue the approval process regarding the Plaintiffs’ most recent revised counter-demand for attorneys’ fees, which is ongoing but not yet fully complete. Because of this, the parties respectfully and jointly ask the Court’s leave to submit a further status report by August 30, 2024. We thank the Court for its consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

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